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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION BONN SUMMIT

1. WELLINGTON'S MORNING PAPER, THE DOMINION, JULY 20,
IN ITS LEAD EDITORIAL UNDER THE HEADING "AFTER BONN, THE
PROOF", COMMENTED: -

2. "AS A TRADING NATION LIVING OFF ITS EXPORTS, NEW
ZEALAND HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE ATTEMPTS AT THE
BONN SUMMIT TO FLUSH RECESSION OUT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.
REGRETTABLY THE TALKS ACHIEVED LITTLE IN REAL TERMS. PRO-
MISES WERE FORTHCOMING BUT THE CRITICAL DECISIONS TO GIVE
THEM SUBSTANCE HAVE STILL TO BE TAKEN...

3. "AMERICA, WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN HAVE SEPARATE
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE. THE UNITED STATES IS BEING GREEDY
WITH THE WORLD'S OIL SUPPLIES, IMPORTING MORE THAN IT
SHOULD AND THUS KEEPING UP THOSE PRICES WHOSE ESCALATION
IN 1973 CAN BE PUT AT THE ROOT OF MOST OF THE CURRENT
INTERNATIONAL TROUBLES. CARTER WANTS TO IMPOSE SOME ORDER,
MAINLY BY IMPOSING TAXES, BUT CONGRESS IS RELUCTANT TO GO
ALONG WITH HIS ENERGY POLICY. HOW DEPENDABLE, THEREFORE,
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IS HIS PROMISE IN BONN TO CUT AMERICA'S FOREIGN OIL
PURCHASES?

4. "MR SCHMIDT PROPOSES TO STIMULATE GROWTH IN ORDER TO
ENHANCE DEMAND, AND IN THE SAME WAY MR FUKUDA UNDERTAKES
TO MOP UP AN EXCESS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE BY PROMOTING
GROWTH TO SEVEN PER CENT ANNUALLY, A STRATEGY WHICH HAS THE

CONCOMITANT OF OPENING THE DOOR WIDER FOR IMPORTS. AS IN MR CARTER'S CASE, THE WEST GERMAN AND JAPANESE LEADERSHIPS HAVE STILL TO PERSUADE THEIR SEPARATE PARLIAMENTS TO RATIFY THEIR DECISIONS...

5. "THE ACCORD AT BONN WAS STRONGER THAN MANY OBSERVERS HAD EXPECTED, BUT ITS REWARDS WILL REPRESENT AT MOST ONLY A BEGINNING." ANDERSON

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